

## **PCHS PTSO Meeting**

**January 21, 2021**

**Members In Attendance:** Jennifer Aldous and Tiffany Shewell (Co-Presidents), Tara Stocker (Vice President), Julie Strople (Treasurer), Amy O'Reilly (Secretary), Kelly Vendetti (Member-at-large), Sheccid Villanueva (Student Council), Roger Arbabi (Principal), Kim Abbett, Tracie Rossi, Mitch von Puttkammer (PCEF), Molly Efrusy, Jared Pulham, Julie Bargowski and Heidi Hewitt.

**Jennifer called the meeting to order at 9:02am.**

Welcome!

### **Meeting Minutes**

Tiffany moved to approve the draft December 17, 2020 meeting minutes and Julie seconded the motion. **The December 17, 2020 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.**

### **Principal Report**

Roger reported: Last week was crazy; Monday afternoon we had the 15<sup>th</sup> case, followed by the decision to close on Tuesday morning. We have had some positive feedback about the transition to virtual. Some negative as well, saying that we are not meeting the needs of all our students. The problem now is that the COVID case numbers are not going down. Thirteen cases have come in since we went virtual. We are concerned that our numbers are not dropping, which was the whole intent of closing. Kids are evidently still gathering socially.

My team and I are working on the test-to-stay program. We wanted to do a two-week roll out 155 students a day on a rolling-basis but we recognize that cases are still high and this system won't allow us to test some of our students until two weeks out. Therefore, we are looking at possibility of testing everybody on Monday and essentially identifying all positive cases in one day. Logistically, it's

huge, but it will enable us to have a baseline. Then we will begin the rotation. In this way, we will not have to close back down again *even if cases exceed fifteen*.

Not all parents are happy with test-to-stay. I have several letters from parents about the legalities and constitutional rights of students and I have referred those parents to the district.

We discussed the test-to-stay volunteer sign-up. There are two sign-ups to help with testing, the PTSO sign-up and the People's Health sign-up. It's a bit confusing and unfortunately our People's Health Clinic contact is out of office. We will sort it out. Roger will be asking for additional volunteers for Monday if we do the "testing blitz" and the PTSO can help with that.

Graduation at base of PC Hill is looking more likely for a lot of reasons. Parents liked it...families sat on the lawn. It was less formal but felt like a nice Park City community event. We had thought because we received such good feedback, we'd like to keep it there, but student feedback indicates that they are really attached to Dozier as a venue. Dozier would mean limiting family members to 2-3. I would like some feedback from PTSO members with seniors. Using the soccer field puts the per family cap at 8 people but several families brought more (because some had fewer). In the end, all who wished to bring more family were able.

It was very nice event. A paraglider made an appearance. It was a beautiful day. There were no issues with sound. We were done by 7pm, which made it easy on the neighbors.

We will have a rain-day scheduled (Friday) in case of rain. This is because just moving it to Eccles becomes complicated. That would mean students only and a only a live broadcast for family.

Last year we did photo op on Dozier for those students who wanted it, which was well-received. If we do move graduation to PC Fields, we will do that again.

Tara listened to the PC Caps conversation w/ students. Sure, the tradition is Dozier. They just have the vision of graduating at Dozier, but her sense is that they would be just fine.

Tara raised the topic of grad night, traditionally held the night of graduation. We might have extra money to help with the photos on Dozier depending on how that goes. We might also be able to cover some of the extra costs of moving the venue: The stage needs to be special/supported. The district will likely fund the stage conversion, but we also need decorations. We might be able to use the same decorations for the ceremony and grad night.

Will we do the docudrama? Roger is looking at doing it in April. He feels it is a powerful and valuable event so would like to move forward. They will keep everybody masked. There are several things to do to keep the event safe. Heidi is in the loop and has been green-lighted to begin work.

### **SCC Update**

Jared Pulham (Chair) reported. Aimee Preston is the Vice-chair. There are seven additional voting members (parents and staff) and two non-voting members. The state did great training this year. To review, SCC is funding earned by the state from state land leasing, and pledged to support education. The committee meets formally once each month informally between those meetings. We are working to work more closely with the PTSO. There was a little confusion when he joined with newer members. The money must be used each year or it reverts back to the state. Funds were actually lost from the 18-19 year so in 19-20 they were focused on using it all.

Of course, COVID has changed things – eg program to have Juniors visit colleges simply cannot happen. We did fund a few specific programs for classrooms last year. He provided a snapshot of the spending to date.

Tracie Fike really carried the ball with things shutting down last March, so we used everything. This year we invested a lot of time getting organized and how we are hoping to open communication with the PTSO.

Matt Nagel has a specific ask for software. We have discussed virtual platforms for parents to safely watch programs virtually and ways to support a novel/nonfiction committee. More recently, we are integrating testing and other

research data – how we are stacking up and how these funds can be used to improve.

### **Stuco Update**

Sheccid reported. We are unable to do much due to COVID and due to lack of funding. We have about 5-10 new students we are supporting. We lack funds to appreciate teachers. The primary funding shortfall is dances. Recently we have begun preparations for the elections beginning in March for the next StuCo.

We are looking at the idea of a football field dance. Wasatch High School had one of these planned where each ten meters contained ten students in there. Looking at new ideas with every precaution possible. The administration will not allow a dance inside the school.

Thanks, Sheccid! Great job hanging in there.

### **Financial Update**

Not a whole lot new to report, since we haven't been spending any money. We have done well with community support and we received more from PCEF than budgeted. Every Miner Minute results in a few more donations.

## **PROGRAMS**

### **Grants**

Nothing new to report. Everything is paid from round one of teacher grants.

### **Scholarships**

Pepper Elliott emailed Tiffany and Jen. PTSO in years past has sponsored four \$500 scholarships. We have that amount in the budget. She appears to be asking now for \$750 for each category. So, a \$1000 increase. We didn't spend our entire budget for mini-grants so we may have some room. In addition to budget approval, we need to get some volunteers for the scholarship committee

Julie says it's probably viable because we haven't spent a lot in other categories – honor roll and testing snacks, etc. That might cut into our flexibility somewhat for end of the year program options.

The four scholarships sent by Pepper were Ultimate Renaissance (well rounded), Resilience (hardship, obstacles), Future Educator (going on to teaching – top 50% of class), and Ultimate Sports Miner (top 25% of class, involved in community service). These are different than what we granted last year, so we agreed that a discussion with Pepper is in order, to discuss both amounts and scholarship descriptions.

Tiffany asked for volunteers for the Scholarship Committee. Kim Abbett, Kelly Vendetti, and Julie Bargowski volunteered, and Jen Aldous will chair. It would be nice to find one more. The ideal volunteer would be a parent that doesn't have a current senior.

### **DocuDrama**

Heidi Hewitt described the docudrama event that is being planned for April. Usually they are able to collect donations to cover the costs, but she asked that we keep the \$1,000 budget item for any shortfall or unexpected expenses.

This is Heidi's last year organizing the event and she is looking for a volunteer to shadow her this year and take it over. Because of the scope of the event, she needs someone that is willing to volunteer for multiple years. Heidi is going to write up a paragraph describing the position and send it to the PTSO mailbox. Jen has someone in mind, and we can also post this opportunity in the Miner Minute.

Heidi also needs volunteers to help in April. She needs a parent to act the part of someone in the accident that is then be transported to the hospital in a helicopter. This parent also needs to give the eulogy at the "funeral".

## **PCEF**

Running with Ed is on for 2021! May 22nd. More details to come.

Tomorrow at 10:00am there is going to be a "Virtual Principal Chat." Initially intended as a Scholar Circle event, Mitch invited the PTSO as well.

## **Grad Night**

Tara Stocker gave an update on Grad Night planning. The committee is meeting tonight to work on a backup plan if they are not able to accommodate all the seniors at Woodward. They will also brainstorm how to handle the graduation "rain date."

## **Teacher Gifts**

Jen noted that they have almost all the supplies for the lip balm gift are ready to go. She recommended that we distribute the gifts just prior to the winter break.

**Next general meeting Thursday, February 11, 9:00am. Zoom again.**  
Please email us directly with questions or agenda items.

**The meeting was adjourned at ~10:05am.**